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In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2005 and pursuant to *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment.